Record Nr. UNINA9910786113903321 Autore Davis Wade Titolo Passage of darkness: the ethnobiology of the Haitian zombie // Wade Davis; [foreword by Robert Farris Thompson; preface by Richard Evans Schultes1 Chapel Hill:,: University of North Carolina Press,, 1988 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 979-88-908793-4-9 0-8078-8758-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (367 pages): illustrations Disciplina 299/.65 Soggetti Zombiism - Haiti Bizango (Cult) Tetrodotoxin - Physiological effect Ethnography Haiti Religious life and customs Haiti Social life and customs Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 303-326) and index. Nota di contenuto Cover; Contents; Foreword; Preface; Acknowledgments; Introduction; 1. The Historical and Cultural Setting; 2. The Haitian Zombie; 3. The Problem of Death; 4. The Poison; 5. The ""Antidote""; 6. Everything Is Poison, Nothing Is Poison: The Emic View; 7. Zombification as a Social Process; 8. The Bizango Secret Societies; Conclusion: Ethnobiology and the Haitian Zombie; Note on Orthography; Glossary; A; B; C; D; E; F; G; H; I; L; M; N; O; P; R; S; T; U; V; W; Z; Bibliography; Index Interdisciplinary in nature, this study reveals a netowrk of power Sommario/riassunto relations reaching all levels of Haitian political life. It sheds light on recent Haitian political history, including the meteoric rise under Duvalier of the Tonton Macoute. By explaining zombification as a rational process within the context of traditional Vodoun society, Davis demystifies one of the most exploited of folk beliefs, one that has been

used to denegrate an entire people and their religion.